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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

An interview was conducted over the phone on January 22, 2008 between 2:00 and 2:20 PM (ET) and was attended by Examiner Jeffrie R. Lund, and Applicants' representative, Adeel S. Akhtar, and S. Michael Yoon.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 48 and new Claims 74-77 were discussed during the interview.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Satoh et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0011210) and Ogawa et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0062646) were discussed during the interview.

Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendments to Claim 48 and new Claims 74-77 were presented to the Examiner during the interview.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

During the interview, Adeel S. Akhtar, the representative of Applicants, explained to the Examiner that the features of the inlet insert of proposed Claim 48 has a particular shape suited to the context. The representative also explained that the distribution plate 57 of Ogawa et al. is used for a batch-type processing chamber to provide a uniform flow across the chamber, but Ogawa et al. does not teach the features of the inlet insert of Claim 48. The representative then proposed amendments to Claim 48 to further clarify the shape of the inlet insert, and presented new Claims 74-77 directed to specific embodiments of the inlet insert.

Results of Interview

The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments to Claim 48 would overcome the rejections of the record, but would necessitate a further search on the shape of the inlet insert.